

Millennial Star



POETRY

THE BROKEN OAR.

Once upon Iceland's solitary strand
A poet wandered with his book and pen,
Seeking some final word, some sweet Amen,
Wherewith to close the volume in his hand.

The billows rolled and plunged upon the sand,
The circling seagulls swept beyond his ken,
And from the parting cloud-rack now and then
Flashed the red sunset over sea and land.

Then by the billows at his feet was tossed
A broken oar; and carved thereon he read,
"Oft was I weary, when I toiled at thee";
And like a man who findeth what was lost,
He wrote the words, then lifted up his head,
And flung the useless pen into the sea.

—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

Above the clouds the skies are blue.

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But learn that he that doeth the works of righteousness shall receive his reward, even peace in this world, and eternal life in the world to come.

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I HAVE AS LITTLE SUPERSTITION IN ME AS ANY MAN LIVING. BUT MY SECRET OPINION HAS EVER BEEN, AND STILL IS, THAT GOD ALMIGHTY WILL NOT GIVE UP A PEOPLE TO MILITARY DESTRUCTION, OR LEAVE THEM UNSUPPORTEDLY TO PERISH, WHO HAVE SO EARNESTLY AND SO REPEATEDLY SOUGHT TO AVOID THE CALAMITIES OF WAR, BY EVERY DECENT METHOD WHICH WISDOM COULD INVENT.

NEITHER HAVE I SO MUCH OF THE INFIDEL IN ME, AS TO SUPPOSE THAT HE HAS RELINQUISHED THE GOVERNMENT OF THE WORLD, AND GIVEN US UP TO THE CARE OF DEVILS.

—Thomas Paine (from "The Crisis.")

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THIS WEEK'S COVER

YOUR HARVEST.

Plant a good seed if you want a bounteous harvest, then be sure not to neglect the cultivation, for weeds choke out the best of seed. Neither a life nor a garden can thrive in an entanglement of weeds.

A good harvest comes from fertile soil. A successful life likewise requires fertile soil—fertile in the opportunity for service, growth, and faith. For plants, fertility may be but a matter of abundant mineral and water supply; for human beings it must consist of wholesome thoughts, worthy motives, and good deeds.

Economy and prudence require the best gardens to be planted in straight rows, and have you ever noticed that great lives have always moved forward in a straight line toward a definite purpose?—Ezra J. Poulsen.

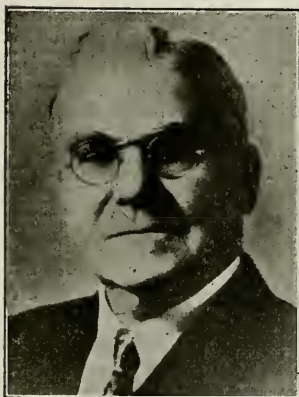
An Humble And A Contrite Heart

CONDENSED from address delivered at the Saturday evening session of the 112th Annual General Conference, April 4th, 1942, in the Assembly Hall.

By CHARLES A. CALLIS

Of the Council of the Twelve

STILL STANDS THINE ANCIENT SACRIFICE,
AN HUMBLE AND A CONTRITE HEART.



Charles A. Callis

AMONG the cardinal virtues of the gospel is the praiseworthy virtue of humility. To a certain king of Israel, whose power was waning before the "pride that goeth before a fall," the prophet Samuel said: "When thou wert little in thine own sight, the Lord blessed thee." I interpret humility as being strength. Humility expresses itself in lowly service, in volunteering for any service which will ameliorate the conditions, particularly the spiritual conditions of mankind. Humility does not mean to grovel, to be a sycophant. Humility is inward strength outwardly expressed in good works. Great souls attain to humility.

The Apostle Peter said:

"Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

"Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walking about seeking whom he can devour. . . ."—I Peter 5: 6-8.

Are the American people great enough to be humble? If this nation and all mankind had humbled themselves beneath the mighty hand of God, there would have been no war. Humility would have found beautiful expression in noble deeds.

Charles Evan Hughes gave this definition of Christian character: "Faith without credulity, conviction without bigotry, charity without condescension, courage without pugnacity, self-respect without vanity, humility without obsequiousness, love of humanity without sentimentality, and meekness with power."

Consider the example of Moses. He was the great law-giver of Israel, filled with courage and faith. The miraculous, statesmanlike work that he accomplished, the deeds that he performed, stamp him as the foremost statesman of any age of the world, excepting always, of course, the Lord Jesus

Christ. Of a people steeped in slavish bondage he made a nation. He breathed into them, as someone has said, the immortality that made them a great nation. And yet he was a meek man; nevertheless he was strong.

One time the Children of Israel committed sin, and Moses said to them: "I am going up in the mount to talk with God and make atonement for your sins." Oh, I love that word, "atonement." The atonement of the Saviour—without that there would have been no vitality, no purpose in any of the principles of the gospel, for it gives life to every doctrine of the everlasting gospel. Listen to this:

"And Moses returned unto the Lord, and said, Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them gods of gold.

"Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin—; and if not, blot me, I pray thee out of thy book which thou hast written."—Exodus 32: 31, 32.

Unparalleled love, the spirit of the holy Priesthood, humility, meekness with power, exemplifying the love of the Lord Jesus Christ. He didn't even want to survive the people. If they were eliminated, if the punishment of God destroyed them, he, too, was willing that his name, yea, his life, be blotted out with the people he loved and led and made, for he carried them as a father carries his child. He smote the rock, out of which gushed the water. With miraculous power he divided the waters of the Red Sea; but as he stood upon the mount, pleading with God for the Israelites, he reached sublime heights; he touched divinity!

That is the spirit that should characterize the holy Priesthood. If we work in humility, become little in our own sight, more than we are now, and seek the good of others, I testify to you that there will be added power to our labours, and sinners will be brought unto Him. The Saviour said:

"... Whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister;

"And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant. . . ." —Matthew 20: 26, 27.

Christ was called the suffering servant:

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." —John 3: 16.

The man who communed with Jehovah, Joseph Smith, was meek but had great power. Enshrined in that power was love for his people and for the gospel of Jesus Christ. When the West was opened unto him, when he saw there a refuge for himself and his people, yet for fear of drawing down upon the people he loved (who would be temporarily left in Nauvoo) bitter persecution, mobocracy, and cruel punishment, he voluntarily relinquished the means of escape and said: "I go as a lamb to the slaughter. If my life"—note that, brethren—"If my life is of no value to my friends, it is of no value to myself."

That is the yardstick by which we should measure our lives: How much are we worth to our fellow citizens, to the people of the Church, to our country? That is the true measure, for the best of life is expressed in service to others.

“For Mine Eyes Have Seen”

By EDITH RUSSELL

I HAVE dared the criticism of friends, and have been for the first time in my life to the Mormon Church. I have been so long used to the elaboration of the ——— Church, that I was a little perturbed to see there the uncarpeted floors, the unstained windows, the unembroidered sincerity of it all.

Frankly I went prepared to discredit it. I knew as much and as little as so many people know. I was ready to smile; to bestow a polite but passing interest. I was certainly not prepared for what actually did happen.

So much of it was new. I was a stranger in a strange country, but first one hand and then another enveloped my own in a firm clasp of welcome. They called each other Sister and Brother. They laughed together, and because I was of the same Great Parent, they let me share their laughter, their friendliness. I was amazed to remember how laughter had been an offence in my own Church; considered irreverent and inappropriate to the solemn surroundings. This was like a psalm of praise, wholesome and joyous, returning like a hymn to its Creator.

The singing was beautiful. We were not a large crowd, yet everyone sang as though their hearts sang too and the sound of it was good.

I began to feel a strange sweet sensation. It was as though God was there. I can't describe it except like that. I watched the men as they prayed. They had no books, they didn't seem to need them. They were talking to the Father as though they too knew that He was there.

I found, that evening, that these Mormons are a strange people; strange in their fearlessness, strange in their simplicity and unique in their logic. I listened to a man preach whose accent was not cultured. It reminded me that Christ numbered fisher-folk among His Chosen. It lent weight to his assertion that a man must be called of God to the ministry, and not placed there by the indiscriminate law of social privilege. He had no great command of words. All the greatness of what he said lay in its simple truth and the quiet faith of its delivery.

There was no magnificent altar in this Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; no carvings of rich design, no man wore a cassock or differed in his dress from his fellows. The Elder whose influence had brought me to this unpretentious chapel was there looking precisely as he did when he earned his living during the week-days. He lived his faith and preached The Word, in the office as in the chapel. All my previous professions of faith seemed suddenly shoddy, half-hearted and insincere. The word “Mormon” was taking on a new and richer significance. Their claims seemed no longer fantastic; Joseph Smith as a Prophet of God seemed no longer impossible. I was watching the Power of God at work on man's soul, nurturing it, refining it, rendering it faithful unto death,

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L.D.S. Pen Friendship League



MANY a Latter-day Saint says today: "Through the Pen Friendship League I have many fine friends in the Church." The leaders and parents are satisfied in the partial realization of their aspirations and righteous desires. But a much greater task lies before us.

Between 85 and 90 per cent of our Mission membership has not as yet been touched by this all important and worthy project. A rather large number of our young members are growing up outside the scope and teachings of the Church.

It is our most urgent duty and obligation to bring these young people, these children of the covenant, into the sphere of influence,

activity and life of the Church. How can we do it? Pen Friends, send in your suggestions!

Here is a plan sponsored by the Mission Presidency. A plan which will work if YOU will co-operate. We are publishing this week the first list of young unmarried people of the LIVERPOOL BRANCH. The list is not complete and may not be absolutely correct. Will you help us in its perfection?

FEMALE MEMBERS:

Lilian Currin (22), 17, Ruscombe Road, Knotty Ash, Liverpool.
Doris Currin (21), 17 Ruscombe Road, Knotty Ash, Liverpool.
Rene Currin (17), 17 Ruscombe Road, Knotty Ash, Liverpool.
Alice E. Franklin (18), c/o 43 Kingsland Cres., W. Derby, Liverpool.
Doris M. Franklin (21), c/o 43 Kingsland Cres., W. Derby.
Willettta Falconer (21), 23 Tancred Road, Anfield, Liverpool.
Edith Falconer (22), 23 Tancred Road, Anfield, Liverpool.
Josephine Falconer (20), 23 Tancred Road, Anfield, Liverpool.
Annie F. Halls (19), 1 Ash Road, off Borough Road, Birkenhead.
Hilda Jones (15), 17 Cockburn St., Dingle, Liverpool.
Ruby Matthews (21), A.T.S., c/o 43 Kingsland Cres., W. Derby.
Euphemia Sands (19), c/o 43 Kingsland Cres., W. Derby, L'pool.

Majorie N. Patey (20), 43 Kingsland Crescent, W. Derby, Liverpool.
Ivy Thomason (23), 29 Grove Road, Rock Ferry, Birkenhead.
Joan M. Fyffe, () 2 Kirk Cottages, Earlstoun Rd., Wallasey, C'shire.

MALE MEMBERS:

Ernest Currin (17), 17 Ruscombe Knotty Ash, Liverpool.
Harold Fielding (20), 139 Bebington Road, Rock Ferry, Cheshire.
Jim G. Fyfe (22), 2, Kirk Cottages, Earlstoun Rd., Wallasey, C'shire.
Wm. A. Halls, Jr. (15), 1 Ash Road, of Borough Road, Birkenhead.
Reginald D. McGhee (15), 69 Kingsland Cres., W. Derby, Liverpool.
Arnold R. Morris (17), 33, Roseberry Street, Princes Park, Liverpool.
Keith C. Murray (21), 38 Haldane Avenue, Birkenhead, Cheshire.
Donald Patey (20), 43 Kingsland Crescent, W. Derby, Liverpool.

"Am I my brother's keeper?" You surely are. Wouldn't you like to be? You have the Gospel at heart; your testimony is strong; you may be a Home Missionary. Here is your opportunity to show your faith by your works. Write a gospel

letter, a letter of greeting and cheer, a letter breathing sincere, ideal friendship to several of the members as given above. If you get no reply, write again. A letter of this kind is as good as a gospel conversation. Help some of these young people to rejoin the Church through our Pen Friendship League. **Branch Presidencies and Officers are asked to join this Mission Wide Campaign to build up intelligent friendship among our members.**

Can I, can we, ask you to respond to this appeal and effort and help us bring back some of these young people into the full, ideal and happy friendship in the Church. With these young people will come their parents and relatives. **NOW TO THE TASK.**

APPEAL:

**LATTER-DAY SAINTS THROUGHOUT THE MISSION,
SUPPORT WHOLEHEARTEDLY OUR L.D.S.
PEN FRIENDSHIP LEAGUE!!**

—A. K. A.



"FOR MINE EYES HAVE SEEN"

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and in its presence was a great humility and untold peace.

Physically, too, these people were splendidly different. Healthy habits, abstinence from all harmful things, a natural joy in living, had produced fine men, some old, some young, all gentle in their strength. They reminded me of those Pioneers who crossed the great prairies over a century ago to establish the Citadel of a great Faith in the wilderness.

No one has asked me to become a Mormon. Man was given a free will and the privilege of exercising it is upheld by the Mormon people. I must make the decision myself.

Such a little while ago I laughed, then I wondered; then I came to investigate. Finally, as I left the Church that first evening, a tiny fragment of song, a prayer of what was once an old man's gratitude for his Maker's fulfilment, filled my heart. "Lord now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace. For mine eyes have seen . . ."



CAFFEINE IN COLA DRINKS

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The heart, the muscles, the eyes, ears and various glands are likewise unfavourably affected by caffeine. The irritation or injurious stimulation of the kidneys is a major evil of caffeine.

Caffeine is especially dangerous when used by young people. The unscrupulous attempts of some manufacturers of cola drinks to include such beverages in school lunches and for Boy Scout outings should receive public condemnation. Likewise, to keep such drinks in the home within reach of children is a dangerous practice. Certainly, they should not be used in Ward, Stake, Branch or other Church socials.

For The Young Folk

THE CALL TO ARMS.

FEW people realise what a wonderful and patient leader Moses must have been. No ordinary man could have remained faithful through so many trials, but would have become very discouraged. Many would have given up in despair.

As the camp moved a little further, a very scorched and dry land was reached. After a little thirst and discomfort the people grew very hostile towards Moses, and even threatened to stone him to death. Just in time the Lord commanded him to take the rod he always carried, and strike a certain rock on Mount Horeb. As he did so, a fountain burst forth. How the people rejoiced when they saw the lovely pure water! I dare say they all pushed and jostled each other, so anxious were they to quench their thirst.

Soon afterwards the Israelites met a very fierce and warlike band of people by the name of Amalek. This people intended to overcome and kill the Israelites for what little possessions they had. Moses called aside three of his chosen helpers, Aaron, Joshua and Hur, and conferred with them for a little while. Joshua was told to go and choose from out of the camp all the biggest and strongest men, and then lead them into battle against the enemy.

Meanwhile, Moses, Aaron and Hur went to the top of the hill where the fighting could easily be seen. Moses held up his arm, and the Israelite soldiers fought so well they seemed to be winning the battle.

If you have ever tried holding your arms right above your head, you will know that after a very short while they begin to ache and hurt dreadfully, and you have to put them down again. Moses' arm ached just like that. When he dropped it, though, the tide of battle seemed to turn, and the soldiers of Amalek began to win. Then, as soon as the prophet's arm was rested a little he raised it again, and once more Israel prevailed over their enemies. Once more Moses was obliged to drop his arm, and once more it seemed as if the foe would succeed in killing the Israelites. Aaron and Hur, there on the hill with their leader, realised that if Israel was to win the battle, the arms of their prophet must be held upright. A huge boulder was found to make a seat for him, then they stood, one on either side, and each took one of his arms, holding it steadily upright until sunset.

Because of the blessings of the Lord unto them, through the great faith of their leaders, Joshua and his Israelite soldiers were victorious, and put the people of Amalek to flight. So grateful were the Children of Israel for their deliverance that Moses built an altar to God, where all could worship and return thanks.

—E. M. T.

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EDITORIALS

Home From The Annual District Conferences

NOW that our Annual District Conferences are over, let us cast our minds back upon the happy and inspirational meetings we have attended; let us review some of the counsel and advice given by the Priesthood in authority. The sweet spirit, the uplifted minds and hearts, the true emotion of the soul, the urge to emulate the example of our Lord still remain with us. Letters are coming in from all parts of the country from our members saying how much they have enjoyed the spirit of our Annual District Conferences. In the midst of great national tragedy of war and its accompanying horrors, the truth and sublimity of the Restored Gospel of Jesus Christ is a balm to our wrought nerves, weary bodies and minds. Many have asked, "Can we not have these Conferences more often?" We shall have them, in due course.

In the meantime, let us be true and faithful to the principles of the Gospel in observing the commandments of the Lord, which are laws "irrevocably decreed in heaven before the foundations of this world." True observance of the law of Tithing and Fast Offerings, faithful adherence to the Word of Wisdom, strictly keeping the Sabbath day holy, genuinely sustaining those in authority, sincerely and regularly praying night and morning and partaking of the Sacrament worthily, will justify you before God and men in your claim of a Latter-day Saint.

Intelligent adherence to the "moral" precepts of Virtue, Knowledge, Temperance, Patience, Brotherly Kindness, Godliness, Charity, Humility and Diligence will bring you many advantages and even blessings at home, in your Church activities, at work and socially.

A. A. Anderson

A Prayer For Today

"GOOD morning, God. How are you this morning?" This simple but sincere beginning of a prayer was uttered by a young eleven-year-old girl in a Sunday School class that I visited recently.

I have listened to many prayers, but this was the first time I have ever heard anyone inquire concerning the welfare of our Father in Heaven. It showed a very close relationship between the girl and her God.

If we believe in a personal God, why shouldn't we approach Him in this humble and sincere manner. It has been said of Karl G. Maeser that he made it a point never to speak to any person until he had first said good morning to his God.

In our prayers we should ask for divine guidance and inspiration, for knowledge, understanding and wisdom, but above all we should ask for strength to live the good life and follow where the dictates of the spirit should lead us. One philosopher has said, "God give me strength to face a fact, even though it slay me."

We should ask for forgiveness, but in the meantime we should be forgiving.

Most of us express gratitude and thanksgiving in our prayers. Do we show that we are really grateful by payment of tithes and offerings?

Do we ask the Lord to bless the poor and the sick and the needy and never minister to their wants ourselves?

All my life I have listened to prayers in which God has been asked to bless the authorities of the Church and inspire them to lead us in the paths of truth. I have seldom heard prayers where people have asked for wisdom to properly interpret the divine messages from the authorities of the Church and then asked for strength to do what they advise us to do.

I am sure that the Lord will inspire His holy prophets. They need our faith and our prayers. But we need help too. Why couldn't we ask more often for strength to "get in line"?

We pray for the leaders of the nation to enact laws that will be for our best interests. We ask God to inspire men in high places to protect our freedom and carry this nation on to fulfil its destiny. I hope the Holy Spirit can get through to influence some of our politicians. In addition, to praying for our leaders and representatives, let us try to get men elected with whom the Lord can work.

Our prayers ascend to the throne of God for the successful conduct of the war. We expect God and the Allies to win. What are we doing toward bringing the war to an end so that we can have peace? Are we doing our share?

Father, increase in me the desire, the strength and the intelligence and also the means to go forth under Thy inspiration and guidance and in Thy power to help the needy, heal the sick and co-operate with the Authorities of the Church. Help to make me a good citizen. Help me to sustain my country in its hour of need by doing all I can. Above all, help me so to live that the promptings of Thy Holy Spirit will ever guide me. God give me strength to do Thy will. —IRA J. MARKHAM

Caffeine In Cola Drinks

A PERTINENT POINT.

By DR. JOHN A. WIDTSOE

Of the Council of the Twelve

IS there caffeine in cola drinks? Many have asked this question. Therefore, this reply is made:

In recent years upwards of seventy brands of cola drinks have appeared on the market. (In this Country, Coca-Cola and Pepsi-Cola are well known.) These beverages invariably exert a stimulating effect upon the body and leave a desire for more. They are habit forming. This has made observers of the Word of Wisdom question the propriety of using cola drinks.

Nearly all the cola drinks on the market have been analyzed by public and private agencies, and are solutions of sugar—about one ounce of sugar in a six ounce bottle of the drink. To this solution is added a mixture, of secret formula, caramel usually, for colouring, and phosphoric, tanic or some other acid for flavouring. Then there is added a quantity of the drug, caffeine, the active substance in coffee and tea. Finally the mixture is carbonated.

A six or eight ounce bottle, according to analyses at hand, contains ordinarily from one-fourth to one-third (sometimes more) as much caffeine as is found in a cup of home-brewed coffee.

It is held by several authorities that pure caffeine, as used in cola drinks, is more active, unit for unit, than that occurring naturally in the coffee bean.

Cola drinks contain the drug, caffeine. For that reason, every argument used against coffee and tea may be used against cola drinks, and all other beverages containing caffeine, even in small amounts. They are determined habit formers, and may lead to the coffee and tea habit. They injure human health.

Caffeine is a drug, an alkaloid, related to some of the most violent poisons. In fact, an excessive dose of caffeine would cause death. When caffeine enters the human body it produces at first a feeling of stimulation, followed by a period of depression, relief from which is sought by the use of more caffeine. It is therefore habit forming. The power of the will is weakened. It deceives the user into the belief that he is better off, when, in fact, he is laying the foundation for an increasingly worse condition. The constant taking of even small doses of a poisonous drug has cumulative effects, and leads eventually to disease.

Caffeine acts directly upon the brain. Drowsiness is banished. Impressions come more rapidly, so that connected thought becomes more difficult. Insomnia, irritability, loss of memory, high blood pressure, headaches and other nervous disorders usually follow the extended use of caffeine drinks.

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AUXILIARY SECTION

PRIESTHOOD

Under the Direction of the Mission Presidency

GENERAL OBLIGATIONS OF THE PRIESTHOOD TO TEACH AND LEARN.

The bearers of the Priesthood are under the obligation to deliver the message of the Everlasting Gospel to the world. They must know the content and meaning of that message. Class instruction in the history and doctrines of the Gospel must therefore always form a large part of quorum work.

This is accomplished in two classes. The first is the Gospel Doctrine class of the Sunday School, but under the direct supervision of the Melchizedek Priesthood, and open to the Priesthood and all other mature members of the Church. The study course for the class deals essentially with the doctrines of the Church. (In the British Mission the Priesthood should lead in the development of study and practical research of Genealogical work presented in the Sunday School classes.)

The second is the class study period of the Priesthood bearers only. Here are studied the subjects outlined below. This second class should meet each Sunday in every Branch of the Mission and carefully go through the lesson material. Time: Between Sunday School and Sacrament Services on Sundays. Then once a month review the whole material at the monthly Union Meetings.

MELCHIZEDEK PRIESTHOOD OUTLINE OF STUDY. FOR OCTOBER, 1942.

Text: PRIESTHOOD AND CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

The following outlines indicate what material should be studied each week during the month of October. Note: Only three lessons are given each month. (On other Sundays in the month, time may be given to dealing with living needs of the Branch and Priesthood.) Class leaders should present the text covered by these lessons at the Monthly Union (or in some cases District Priesthood Meetings) on the last Saturday of each month.

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| Lesson XXVIII. | Quorum Administration. | (Chap. 12, pp. 157-195). |
| Lesson XXIX. | The Committee System. | (Chap. 12, pp. 159-161). |
| Lesson XXX. | Church Service Committee | (Chap. 12, pp. 162-165). |

AARONIC PRIESTHOOD.

BRANCH TEACHERS' MESSAGE FOR OCTOBER, 1942

SUSTAINING CHURCH AUTHORITIES.

In the early days of the Church the General Authorities and members were targets for the bitterest persecution and criticism. This ill treatment, however, came, for the most part, from those not of the Church. For strength against these attacks the Latter-day Saints became united as one man in their efforts for preservation and liberty. They sought and followed the counsel of the leaders of the Church whom they sustained as the chosen oracles of God. Out of these tribulations the mighty strength of the Church was developed.

The Church today, however, is again face to face with criticism and fault finding. This time they are all the more harmful and unbecoming, since, in a great many cases, they come from those within the Church. This is sad indeed. The most pitiful thing is that this critical attitude on the part of members of the Church is as a mill-wheel slowly grinding away their testimonies of the truth.

There is no power on earth that can disrupt or destroy the Church. It is God's work, and it will fulfil its ultimate destiny. What a great satisfaction it is to unreservedly sustain and uphold those called to direct the onward progress of this sacred institution. How noble to pray ever humbly before the Lord for the inspiration and guidance of His leaders. How admirable to follow their counsel and thus demonstrate our devotion and loyalty to the Most High, and our worthiness to be Latter-day Saints.

The policies, decisions and counsels of the leaders of the Church are inspired. The mind and will of the Lord is given through His chosen servants. Time has vindicated their judgments, and demonstrated beyond all doubt that what the Lord gives through our leaders is for our blessing and exaltation. We stand in our own light when we assume to set aside the counsels of God thus given for our guidance.

Let there be unity and full support coming from Church membership. God is guiding His leaders; the wise and prudent will follow their counsel.

FOR MEN AND BOYS OF THE CHURCH.

The secret of abundant life lies in these six questions:

1. Do you keep the Sabbath day holy?
2. Do you Pray night and morning?
3. Do you attend the Sacrament Services and partake of the Sacred Emblems worthily?
4. Do you uphold those in authority?
5. Do you keep the Word of Wisdom?
6. Do you pay honest Tithing and Fast Offerings?

CHARACTER IS LIKE A FENCE, IT CANNOT BE STRENGTHENED BY WHITEWASHING IT.

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A GREAT, growing, grandly unfolding soul can be fashioned anywhere, if only God is with him: and his faculty, it may be, will be completing itself as truly in one employment as in another. His heart will grow as big, his imagination kindle itself in fires to him of as great beauty, he will be as original, as deep, as free, and will swing his nature into as high force every way, in using a hammer as in using a pen.—Horace Bushnell

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Dear Sisters,

We are all very familiar with the following quotations:—

“Faith is the evidence of things not seen.”

“We walk by Faith and not by sight.”

“Faith cometh by hearing the word of God.”

Alma (32: 16-43) tells us what Faith is.

He likens it to a little seed, which, if a good seed, when planted and nurtured with great care, sprouts and expands. In time it brings forth good fruit, which brings joy and satisfaction to all who partake of it.

Faith in God and in the simple testimonies of His humble servants has lead many of us to accept the Gospel.

This same Faith, placed in our leaders and in each other, will tend to eliminate any suspicion and distrust which may be destroying the effect of our efforts, and will assuredly make us a happy and contented people, ready and willing to serve the Master in the greatest of all tasks, that of spreading the Gospel of Peace. May the Lord bless us; to this end is our prayer.

HELEN E. M. POOLE.

First Counsellor, B.M.R.S. Board.

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PROGRAMME FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4th, 1942.

Theme: The Gathering of Israel.

Hymn No. 213, “Israel, Israel, God is Calling.”

Prayer.

Introduction of the Theme and report of the progress of the Genealogical work in the Branch (by the Branch President).

Scripture Reading, Doctrine and Covenants, Section 133, verses 4 to 15.
 Sacrament Service.

Speech, “The course of the Gospel down to the Dispensation of Israel.”

Hymn No. 117, “Wake, O. Wake, the World from Sleeping.”

Speech, “Preparation for the Gathering of Israel to the Land of Zion.”
 (A prepared Latter-day Saint who has his house in order will have shouldered his responsibilities toward his dead.)

Hymn No. 332, “The Gospel Standard High is Raised.”

Prayer.

GENEALOGY.

Since our statement in the “Star” that we could undertake research work in London, we have procured about 40 Certificates of Birth, Marriage or Death, and made a proportionate search through the Census of various towns on behalf of Saints in the Field.

May we suggest a Project for every Branch President, which has three things to recommend it?

1. It is inexpensive.
2. It is simple.
3. It is practical.

PROJECT: Every active member to carry back their family lines 100 years.

The question may be asked, Why 100 years, and how can it be done? The answer is, first, we have very complete material available in London from two sources, the Census taken in 1841 and 1851, and also the Registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths Depository (Somerset House). A brief explanation of the Census and Somerset House will make the Project more interesting.

Census.—In 1841 and 1851 every house in the country was visited by government officials who entered into special books certain facts regarding the persons inhabiting the house. In the 1841 Census the facts were more or less the name, age and occupation of the persons, also whether or not they were born in the same County as they were then residing. The 1851 Census gives in addition to the above the relationship of every person to the head of the house, also a definite place of birth. These books containing this data are grouped in bundles, one or more bundles covering a town. The cost of searching is 1s. per bundle, or 10 bundles for 4s.

Somerset House.—Since 1837, records of Births, Marriages and Deaths have been registered at Somerset House. Here the names are indexed alphabetically under the four quarters of the year ending March, June, September and December, there being separate books for Births, Marriages and Deaths. The cost of search is 1s. for each five years, plus 2s. 7d. for a certified copy of the entry, total 3s. 7d. for the Certificate. The Certificate also gives data of the parents of the person concerned, save in case of the Death Certificate.

So it becomes apparent that by using these two sources of information we can generally obtain data taking the lines back to about 1841.

If the members are induced to send to us a copy of their Family Group and Pedigree Chart with a request for this assistance, we will let them know the approximate cost of the task, and will be pleased to carry out the job with all facility.

Help us develop this ideal.

EVERY ACTIVE MEMBER A HUNDRED YEAR PEDIGREE.

JAMES R. CUNNINGHAM,

Chairman, British Mission Genealogical Board.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Superintendent - - - - Elder James R. Cunningham
 First Assistant - - - - Elder W. O. Chipping
 Second Assistant - - - - Sister Winifred A. Osborn

PRELUDE:

First six bars of Song No. 70, Deseret Sunday School Songs.

SACRAMENT GEM, OCTOBER:

As brethren let us ever live,
 In fellowship and peace,
 Forgive, that God may us forgive,
 That love may still increase.

POSTLUDE:

Same Song, last seven bars.

MEASURING THE SUCCESS OF OUR SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Dear Sunday School Workers,

Bearing in mind that Sunday School is the largest Auxiliary of the Church, it is interesting to see, in spite of prevailing conditions, how your

Sunday School is progressing. Can you see the following results reflected in your children?

1. Are your children regularly attending and eager to learn?
2. Do your children yield obedience and attention during lesson period?
3. Do you see improvements in the habits of your children?
4. Do your children understand the salient principles of the Gospel?
5. Do your children have a personal testimony of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
6. Do you see in your children future great leaders and builders of the Kingdom of God on earth?
7. Do you as teachers and officers take joy and delight in helping the young people to know God?

J. H. Evans says: "To feel that one is helping to shape a human soul—that is the highest form of joy, and therefore of life here below, and so I love to teach."

If these questions can be answered in the affirmative all is well, and if your answers are not so sure, we know you will make every endeavour to see that the needs of your children are catered for.

Best wishes for successful Sunday Schools.

THE BRITISH MISSION SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

M.I.A.

Y.M.M.I.A. Superintendent	- - -	Elder James P. Hill
Y.W.M.I.A. President	- - -	Sister Madeline E. Hill
Assistant	- - -	Sister Louise Lawman
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M.I.A. CALLING!

TO MEMBERS OF THE M.I.A. THROUGHOUT THE BRITISH ISLES WE SEND GREETINGS AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF ANOTHER SEASON OF ACTIVITY.

On reflection and consideration of the worth of our beloved organisation, we give thanks to God for the inspiration He gave to Brigham Young which caused that worthy leader to organise the "Retrenchment" Society, forerunner of our present-day M.I.A. It is, without doubt, the greatest organisation in the world that provides activity for leisure hours and is consequently worthy of the fullest support and co-operation of every Church member. It is, indeed, a duty, to advertise its benefits to all with whom they come into contact who may be seeking leisure time guidance. What more can be said than CARRY ON!



To biz. A copy of the M.I.A. Bulletin has been sent to every Branch President in the Mission, with additional copies for Branch M.I.A. Leaders. District Presidents have also received copies for themselves and District M.I.A. Supervisors.

In this bulletin we have endeavoured to incorporate all the essentials of information necessary and pertaining to the season ahead. M.I.A. WORKERS, may we ask you to read and re-read this little booklet. We are sure you will find it of great assistance to you. Any points that are not clear, please write to us for explanation. It will be our pleasure to help you. For the benefit of M.I.A. members, we reprint here certain information contained therein.

Firstly, the THEME for the next year is to be: "BE STRONG AND OF GOOD COURAGE; BE NOT AFRAID, NEITHER BE THOU DISMAYED, FOR THE LORD THY GOD IS WITH THEE WITHERSOEVER THOU GOEST." It is found in the first chapter of Joushua and the ninth verse. Secondly, the General Boards have announced a change in the regular weekly meeting programme, viz.:

"M.I.A. leaders will be interested to know that much attention has been given to the assembly programme feature of our M.I.A. and that for 1942-43 we are recommending that this period occur during the LAST HALF-HOUR of the evening session."

This means that after the opening exercises the lesson period will commence immediately and will continue for the usual three-quarters of an hour. On the first and third week nights of the month an Assembly programme will be presented as published and provided heretofore. On the second week night, instead of an Assembly programme the time will be used for an open discussion on current events. On the fourth week night all will participate in a social hour consisting of dancing, games or other original features. (The new idea is very slightly adapted to meet with conditions here.)

"This will mean that there will be only two Assembly programmes each month, fifteen in all; that there will be seven group discussions and seven social hour periods. We believe that these new features will add zest and colour to the Winter's work of the M.I.A."

OCTOBER EVENT-OF-THE-MONTH.

The Harvest is a bumper one this year and it is fitting that we should give praise and thanks to God for His goodness and mercy when we need food most. Celebrate this historical harvest with a really grand party. Try to run it in connection with a Branch Harvest Festival, displaying the bounties of earth in an attractive manner. Alternatively, a Hallowe'en Party can be held. You know what this means—a grand evening of fun. Forget your cares this night. Live for an hour in the land of make-believe. Drown your sorrows in wholesome, happy laughter. Carefully planned and well arranged, this evening can be a tonic for all.

The M.I.A. ship is launched. Help to man it if called upon to do so. Otherwise board it for another "IMPROVEMENT" trip. Its capacity is unlimited. Is your name in the passenger list?

LET'S GO TO MUTUAL.

PRIMARY

Acting Supervisor: Edna Gardner

God gave us a friendly tree,
Straight and tall and fair to see,
A home for birds and shade for me,
Yes, God gave that tree.

—Francis Richardson.

OBJECTIVE:

To interest the children in the trees in their locality and help them to learn to recognise them by name.

Instructions.—Ask the children to collect as many varied kinds of leaves from the trees near their home and bring them to Primary. These leaves can then be placed in their scrap books with the name written underneath. The following Primary night, take the children for a walk to some open space where there are a number of trees and let them identify the trees from the leaves in their scrap books. Let the children memorize the names of the trees and see which child can identify the most trees. One Primary lesson could be given to telling a story about some tree which is of historical interest in the locality. The children could be asked to find out interesting information regarding any trees.

The Articles Of Faith

OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

1. We believe in God, the Eternal Father, and in His Son, Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that men will be punished for their own sins, and not for Adam's transgression.

3. We believe that through the Atonement of Christ, all mankind may be saved, by obedience to the laws and ordinances of the Gospel.

4. We believe that the first principles and ordinances of the Gospel are: first, Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; second, Repentance; third, Baptism by immersion for the remission of sins; fourth, Laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost.

5. We believe that a man must be called of God, by prophecy, and by the laying on of hands, by those who are in authority to preach the Gospel and administer in the ordinances thereof.

6. We believe in the same organization that existed in the Primitive Church, viz., apostles, prophets, pastors, teachers, evangelists, etc.

7. We believe in the gift of tongues, prophecy, revelation, visions, healing, interpretation of tongues, etc.

8. We believe the Bible to be the word of God as far as it is translated correctly; we also believe the Book of Mormon to be the word of God.

9. We believe all that God has revealed, all that He does now reveal, and we believe that He will yet reveal many great and important things pertaining to the Kingdom of God.

10. We believe in the literal gathering of Israel and in the restoration of the Ten Tribes; that Zion will be built upon the American continent; that Christ will reign personally upon the earth; and, that the earth will be renewed and receive its paradisiacal glory.

11. We claim the privilege of worshipping Almighty God according to the dictates of our own conscience, and allow all men the same privilege, let them worship how, where, or what they may.

12. We believe in being subject to kings, presidents, rulers and magistrates, in obeying, honouring, and sustaining the law.

13. We believe in being honest, true, chaste, benevolent, virtuous, and in doing good to all men; indeed, we may say that we follow the admonition of Paul—We believe all things, we hope all things, we have endured many things, and hope to be able to endure all things. If there is anything virtuous, lovely, or of good report or praiseworthy, we seek after these things.

—Joseph Smith.

BRITISH MISSIONARY CONFERENCE & RE-UNION

**SATURDAY, SUNDAY and MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 12th, 13th and 14th**

AT

**HANDSWORTH CHAPEL,
BIRMINGHAM**

PROGRAMME: (subject to slight alterations.)
Saturday, September 12th.

RECEPTION AND REGISTRATION

		12.0-3.30 p.m.
FIRST SESSION	- -	4-5.30 p.m.
TEA AND RE-UNION	-	5.40-8.30 p.m.

Sunday, September 13th.

SACRAMENT AND TESTIMONY SERVICE

		9-10.30 a.m.
SECOND SESSION	- -	10.30-1 p.m.
LUNCH	- - - -	1.30-2.30 p.m.
THIRD SESSION	- -	3-5 p.m.
TEA	- - - -	5.15-6.15 p.m.
FOURTH SESSION	- -	6.30-8 p.m.

Monday, September 14th.

FIFTH SESSION	- -	10-12.30 p.m.
LUNCH	- - - -	1.30-2.30 p.m.
FINAL SESSION	- -	3-5 p.m.

**ALL FULL TIME MISSIONARIES AND THOSE JUST
BEGINNING SHOULD BE IN ATTENDANCE AT ALL
SESSIONS.**

**DISTRICT AND BRANCH H.M. SUPERVISORS ARE
URGENTLY REQUESTED TO ATTEND ON SATURDAY AND
SUNDAY.**

**THE MISSION PRESIDENCY REQUEST THE
COMPANY OF ALL PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE
FULL TIME MISSIONARIES.**

**ALL HOME MISSIONARIES WHO CAN ATTEND ARE MOST
WELCOME.**